

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI.

LUNCHEON TO MR. SAMMONS.

The announcement that the Hon. Thomas Sammons, American Consul-General in Shanghai, had been appointed to Melbourne, has been the occasion of much regret locally, despite the pleasure felt at his promotion. This feeling was expressed at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Shanghai on Thursday. Mr. Sammons is a Rotarian, and his fellow Rotarians took the opportunity at a special luncheon in his honour of giving expression to what not only they but the whole community feel in reference to his splendid services.

The luncheon took place in the Café Parisien, and was largely attended by members of the Rotary Club, and their own and official guests. Dr. Julius Pettit presided, and among those present were Messrs. D. Siffert, Senior Consul, J. W. Jamieson C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, T. Raaschou, Consul-General for Denmark, K. Yamasaki, Consul-General for Japan, V. Grosse, Consul-General for Russia, T. Knudtson, Consul-General for Norway, J. R. d'Oliveira, Consul-General for Portugal, G. de Rossi, Consul-General for Italy, J. E. Hultman, Consul-General for Sweden, J. W. C. Quarles van Ufford, Acting Consul-General for Holland, Hugo Reiss, Consul for Brazil, W. Roderick Dorsey, Consul for America, Paul Page Whitham, Trade Commissioner of the U. S. Department of Commerce, and Yang Tcheng, Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs. Letters expressing regret for absence were sent by M. M. Wilden, Consul-General for France and Mr. J. Palencia, Consul-General for Spain.

THE ROTARIAN MOTTO.

After the covers had been removed, the chairman called upon Mr. T. E. Doremus, of the du Pont Export Co., to speak. Mr. Doremus, in the course of a lively series of remarks, said that they knew nobody better qualified than Mr. Sammons to carry to Melbourne the principles of Rotarianism. Rotarianism existed for the service of humanity, that part of humanity which was affected by business and professional life. It was cooperative, not competitive. Their motto was, "He profits most who serves best." It was their custom when their friends were leaving the homestead to go to foreign lands to give them or to send on ahead of them a testimonial, and he believed that the finest testimonial they could give to Mr. Sammons would be that he was a good Rotarian, and they might also add that they should treat him well but not too often. Mr. Sammons was going to Melbourne, one of Shanghai's suburban towns, and if he ever came back to Shanghai they would treat him both well and often. He called upon the company to toast him

in a real American drink, grape-juice.

Mr. Siffert added a few words of appreciation. Even if their friend Mr. Sammons had been sometimes a hard nut to crack, they were really sorry that he was going, because he had a long experience in Shanghai and he was a man who would help them on with their work. Mr. Siffert was, however, not sorry that he was going to Australia. He himself had been on that side of the equator, and if Mr. Sammons had the same good time that he (Mr. Siffert) had, he would not be sorry for him.

COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI.

Mr. Sammons expressed regret at leaving Shanghai. He wished to congratulate the Rotary Club on being able to bring together such a representative gathering, and on its vigorous strength after such a short youth. He emphasized the international character of the club, and the great promise it gave of taking in members of all nationalities. He thanked the members of the Club, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and his colleagues for their presence there. Since he had been in Shanghai, he had had something to do with "get-together" meetings, and he felt that Shanghai was to be congratulated on the present representative gathering. It indicated that Shanghai was coming into its own, that it was to be a great cosmopolitan city, and it would be a greater cosmopolitan city and gatherings of this kind would grow larger and larger. He felt sure that in future the Rotary Club would have international gatherings. (Applause).

After the introduction of several new members, the Club adjourned.